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## TAFT'S RECORD AGAINST TRUSTS

**Sherman Law Enforced Without Fear or Favor.**

### EXELS HIS PREDECESSORS.

Both in Civil and Criminal Prosecution Taft Administration Broke All Records—Legal Accomplishments of Five Presidents Compared.

#### TAFT'S ANTI-TRUST RECORD.

Under the last five administrations prosecutions under the Sherman anti-trust law have been brought as follows:

Crim.	Civil	Incl.	suits.	Total.
Under Harrison (three years)....	4	8	1	13
Under Cleveland (four years)....	5	2	7	14
Under McKinley (four and one-half years)....	7	1	8	16
Under Roosevelt (seven and one-half years)....	18	25	44	87
Under Taft (two years and eleven months)....	22	40	62	124

\*One property seizure.

The ratio of prosecutions, allowing for length of time in office, of the Taft administration as compared with the records of its four immediate predecessors is approximately as follows:

Taft over Harrison.....	9 to 1
Taft over Cleveland.....	12 to 1
Taft over McKinley.....	30 to 1
Taft over Roosevelt.....	4 to 1

President Taft's administration has broken all records for prosecutions brought and won under the Sherman anti-trust law. Without fear or favor it has brought to the bar of justice corporations and persons engaged in illegal combinations in restraint of trade, the ultimate purpose of each combination being to create a monopoly and to raise the prices on its products. In two years and eleven months of his administration President Taft has caused to be brought four more civil suits and fifteen more criminal prosecutions than Mr. Roosevelt brought in the seven and one-half years of his administration.

Until Mr. Taft became the president the administration of Mr. Roosevelt held the record in both particulars. Thus has President Taft, who was Mr. Roosevelt's right arm during his first administration, kept his pledge to the American people to uphold and maintain the policies of his predecessor in punishing the criminals and undesirable element in the big business of the country.

In the Republican national platform of 1908 reference was made to the prosecution of evil trusts and monopolies as one of the great accomplishments of the Roosevelt administration, and the platform declared that the Sherman anti-trust law had been a wholesome instrument for good in the hands of a wise and fearless executive. In his speech of acceptance Mr. Taft pledged himself to the enforcement of this law and has kept his promise.

#### Problems Confronting Taft.

Stripped of controversy as to the exact meaning of certain language of the Sherman anti-trust act, the questions that had to be determined by those in administrative authority and those who judicially determine their acts were, first, how effective the law was to reach the great aggregations of formerly competitive producers and dealers, individual and corporate, who, through intercorporate stockholding mergers, consolidations and otherwise, had acquired so great a control over a particular line of industry as to enable them to dominate it and to exclude or admit competition as they might choose upon their own terms.

Secondly, to determine whether the construction of the law was correct which had been given to it by some of the judges of the circuit court in New York in the tobacco case and in the opinion of some of the justices of the supreme court in other cases to the effect that any combination which in any respect operated to restrain to any degree a pre-existing competition in interstate commerce was necessarily condemned by law.

In the three years of the Taft administration all of the sixteen cases left pending by the previous administration have been disposed of except two, which have been argued and submitted to the supreme court of the United States and are now awaiting decision. Of the remaining cases the Standard Oil case was argued early during the present administration and, after an appeal, decided entirely in favor of the government. The two

was also true of the tobacco cases, with the ultimate result of the division of that big trust into fourteen separate and distinct corporations. This, it is believed, will effectively prevent a continuance of the monopolistic conditions complained of.

#### Taft Anti-trust Record.

During the Taft administration up to February, 1912, twenty-two civil suits have been brought and forty criminal indictments found under the Sherman law, making in all sixty-two proceedings. As a result there were fifteen indictments, and eleven of them in-

volved eighty or more defendants. Eight out of twelve defendants were convicted on one indictment after trial by jury and their conviction confirmed by the court of appeals, and thirteen criminal prosecutions are pending.

A brief review of the cases brought under the anti-trust law during the administration demonstrates clearly its value to the American people in their protection of that equality of opportunity which is declared by the platform of the Republican party to be the right of every citizen.

Reference to a few of the anti-trust cases brought by the Taft administration gives an excellent idea of the hardships some of these illegal combinations entail upon consumers. In the prosecution of a case against a number of individuals who attempted to corner all the free cotton remaining in the crop of 1903 it resulted in a rise in the price of that commodity to the spinners, prevented some from making any purchases and was therefore restraining interstate commerce.

In like manner the government took cognizance of the pooling in the wire industry, with the result that nine indictments were found in New York against eighty-three persons engaged in that business. It was an illegal restraint of trade, and when the court proceedings had been finished the various defendants were fined in amounts averaging \$1,000 each, with the exception of the supervisor of the pool, who was fined \$45,000.

One of the most outrageous cases of combination in restraint of trade and a notable violation of the Sherman law was that of the hand blown window glass industry. Practically all of the manufacturers (eighty-three in number) formed a company which controlled the entire output of hand blown glasses. As a result the price was advanced 100 per cent within less than a year. The indictment of the men responsible, the imposition of fines and the restoration of the business upon the former lines were followed by a substantial reduction in the price of hand blown glass.

The federal government is prosecuting suits against the beef trust and the lumber trust with every promise of victory.

No Brass Band.

Brass bands and megaphones have not been needed to herald the accomplishments of the administration of President Taft. All of the great achievements for which the president is directly responsible have been accomplished quietly and without the slightest semblance of noise or bluster. The voters of the country displayed their faith in President Taft and his policies in 1908, and they are prepared to renominate and re-elect him.

Deserves Another Term.

Representative J. Hampton Moore, who is well known in many different sections of the country on account of his active interest in waterway improvements, in discussing the administration of President Taft has this to say:

"President Taft ought to be renominated and elected because he stands for stability. He should be nominated because it has been generally conceded by Republicans since the first day he entered the office that the same treatment would be accorded him with respect to a second term that is usually accorded to Republican presidents who have done well. There is no good reason for not nominating him. He should be elected because, while not a political president in the sense that he has played politics to the satisfaction of all elements of his party, he has in fact been a broad gauge president, conservative in all matters affecting the dignity of the office and the obligations assumed by him to sustain and uphold the constitution and the laws of this country."

Taft's Efforts For Peace.

Honesty of intention, ability of purpose and a firm faith in the principles of the party of Lincoln, Grant and McKinley are some of the characteristics of President Taft. Familiar with the horrors of war, as well as the enormous expense that it always entails, independent of the vast expenditures required to keep a great nation upon a constant war footing, the president has consistently sought to promote a worldwide peace of nations by international agreement. Any failure of accomplishment in furthering this worthy cause cannot be charged to the president.

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Next Saturday is the date set for the county convention to select delegates for the State convention to be held at Louisville next week, and we hope that every citizen in Knox County will come out to attend this meeting.

The ADVOCATE has supported Mr. Taft because we felt that he was the man for the place, and because it would be for the best interest of the Republican party to renominate him for President, and as the official organ of the Republican party in Knox County we are always laboring for its interest. If this convention in streets its delegates for Mr. Taft we believe it will be a wise selection, and we believe this will be the case; but if the majority of the citizens vote for Mr. Roosevelt as their choice, then we will have no kick to make and will continue to work in the interest of the Republican party as heretofore.

Another local firm realizing the advantages of advertising in THE MOUNTAIN ADVOCATE has entered into a contract with us for several weeks' advertising. Smith, Riley & Co., located near the depot, are the latest to join these ranks by having inserted an electro concerning the merits of the Old Hickory Wagons for which they are the agents in this county. This enterprising firm is one of the most successful in Southeastern Kentucky and are believers in advertising methods to attract business. Other merchants take notice.

This week brings to a close the serial story, "The Land of Flame," which we have been running for several weeks past. This was a highly interesting story but we fear that our readers tire from waiting from week to week for other chapters, and we will not begin another on the same plan. We have a number of high class short stories ranging from one to four columns which we will use at different times, but no more "Pool of Flame."

Quite a number of local business men are adapting modern and up-to-date methods of advertising, and we want to request that whenever you see an ad in THE ADVOCATE that attracts you toward the business of one of our advertisers you will kindly mention this fact to them. It may not make any difference to you, but it will help the ADVOCATE man.

Does a merchant advertise because he is successful, or is he successful because he advertises? You may draw your own conclusions, we have ours.

**Appropriate**

... and all the fountains of the deep were opened up, and the windows of heaven were opened.

... and the rain was upon the earth forty days and forty nights.

And the flood was forty days upon the earth; and the waters increased.

And the waters prevailed, and were increased greatly upon the earth.

And the waters prevailed exceedingly upon the earth, and all the high hills that were under the whole heaven were covered.

And the waters prevailed upon the earth an hundred and fifty days.

*Genesis VII.*

**FAIR WARNING!!****BIG SALE--ALL MUST GO**

BEGINNING  
APRIL 8

THE MAMMOTH STORE  
BARBOURVILLE : : : KENTUCKY  
L. H. JARVIS, Prop.

CLOSES  
MAY 8

I am determined to sell out my immense stock of Merchandise and for this reason I adopt this method. Sale begins Monday, April 8, and continues until May 8 if all is not closed out before then. For spot cash or negotiable, bankable paper (for sums amounting to as much as \$25.00) I will sell at the following low prices:

**Dry Goods**

Stand'd calico 3 $\frac{1}{4}$  c. 5 cents per yard  
Fancy dress ginghams 8 $\frac{1}{2}$  c. 10 cents per yard  
Apron ginghams 5 to 7 $\frac{1}{2}$  c. 10 cents per yard  
Imported French ginghams worth 25 cents, now 10 to 21 cents  
Bleach toweling 4 c. per yard  
Seersucker ginghams 8 $\frac{1}{2}$  c. 10 cents per yard  
Imported madras cloth worth 20 c. for 15 cents per yd.  
Fancy mercerized waisting worth 25 cents for 20 cents  
India linen worth 12 $\frac{1}{2}$  at 9 cents  
" " 20 at 13 $\frac{1}{2}$  " "  
White dress linen worth 25 at 21 "  
" Irish linen worth 60 at 44 "  
" soisette worth 25 at 19 "  
" waist goods worth 25 at 20 cents  
Batiste worth 15 at 11 cents  
Long cloth worth from 10 to 20 at 9 to 15 cents  
Nanook worth 20 at 14 cents  
Mohair worth 60 at 39 cents  
Serge worth 50 to 60 at 39 cents  
Silk worth \$1.25 per yd or 18 cents  
A job lot of silks 35 cts and up  
Bleach cotton 6 $\frac{1}{2}$  to 10 cents

Bleach combric worth 12 $\frac{1}{2}$  to 15 at 10 and 12 $\frac{1}{2}$  cents  
10 $\frac{1}{2}$  brown worth 30 cts yd. at 23  
10 $\frac{1}{2}$  bleach sheeting worth 3 $\frac{1}{2}$  at 24 cents  
Brown cotton 38 inches wide 6 c. per yd.  
8 at 8 per yd.  
Heavy brown cotton 8 $\frac{1}{2}$  c. per yd.  
Good leather holder bed ticking worth 20 at 15 cents  
White q. d. worth \$1.25 or \$1.75 at 90 and 140  
Bed comforts worth \$2.00 or 1.25  
Bed blankets " 1.50 to 2.50 at 1.10 to 1.80 per pair  
Oating 8 $\frac{1}{2}$  per yd.  
Linen crimp worth 12 $\frac{1}{2}$  at 9 c.  
Cotton phial " 10 cent 7 $\frac{1}{2}$   
Quilt lining 2 $\frac{1}{2}$  c. to 3 $\frac{1}{2}$  c.  
Table linen worth 40 c. yd. now 25 "  
" 75 c. " 48  
Table oil cloth worth 20 c. at 16 c.  
Men's work shirts worth 50c. at 35 to 43c.  
Fascinators from 20 to 40c.  
Ladies shawls from 25 to 1.10 "  
" underwear from 21c. to 43c. per garment

Mens dress shirts 10c. to 89c.  
Hab's " 25c and up  
Ladies mocco suits worth 75c. now 43  
V. J. C. Corseidre & underwear at  
various prices  
Wife's dress material 10 c. sold  
at 50c. per yard  
Ladies dresses in 7c. to 21c. a pair  
" 5 " 2 c. per pair  
Ladies silk stockings 1 cent up  
Men's " 4c. " "  
Deerlin tonic per box 1c. to 4c.  
Ladies underwear 45c. and up  
Men's " " "  
Women's shoes worth 1.50 to 3.50 at 1.15 to 2.48  
Women's oxfords worth 2.00 to 3.00 at 1.48 to 2.39  
" ladies' shoes worth 1.25 to 2.00 at 98c.  
" 1.69  
6 bairn stockings worth 75 to 1.50  
" 48 to 1.15  
Ladies soft sole shoes worth 25 to 35 now 20c.  
Misses' hats worth 1.50 to 2.00  
" 1.15 to 1.75  
Gloves 10c. to 2.25 to 5.00 now 1.69 to 3.75

Men's oxfords worth 2.50 to 5.00  
now 1.75 to 3.50

**Groceries**

25lb. granulated sugar 1.63  
16lb. light brown sugar 1.00  
Choice green coffee worth 25c. in 19 and 20 lb.  
Good roasted coffee worth 25c. now 20 lb.  
Canned corn 7c. can or 4 for 25c  
Tomatoes per 3 lb. can 10c  
Pie peaches per 3 lb. can 10c  
Peaches " 10 " 35c  
Sliceable peaches 1 lb. can 10c or 3 for 22c  
Table peaches 3 lb. can 14c  
3 cans potted ham 10c  
Toilet and laundry soap 8 to 10 cakes for 25c  
Good straight flour per sack 50 to 60  
First patent flour 65c  
Zincating patent flour good as can be  
made 75c per sack

**Clothing**

Men's coats and vests 3.50 and up  
" odd coats 1.98 and up  
" vests 10c  
Children suits worth 2.00 to 1.50c

The highest market price will be paid for corn, chickens, whole flocks, beeswax, country cured hams and bacon sides and  
**All Kinds Country Produce**

I have various other goods on which I intended to quote prices, but time and lack of space forbids at this time. Prices that will please will be made known to you when you come to my store.

**Special inducements to those wishing to buy goods to sell again**

**REMEMBER, ALL MUST GO**

**Indian Creek Clippings****Delayed last week**

A. C. Cooper, was in Barbourville Monday on business—Mrs. Rosa Prichard and little son Herbert, of King are visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Cooper, of this place.—W. J. Moore, of Corbin was here Sunday—Mrs. Ellen Cooper, was a guest of her sister Mrs. Mary Cooper Friday.—Lidia Eingle a student of B. B. D. was a guest of homelocks the latter part of the week.—John Malian, was in Barbourville Friday.—Mrs. Lizzie Eingle and son Geo, were in Wilton Tuesday on business.—Mrs. Francis Foley, of Emanuel was a guest of her brother M. B. Cooper Tuesday.—Bess Brown, of Indian Gap was a guest of Lizza Cooper Sunday.—W. B. Reese, made a business trip to Corbin Saturday.—Emma Cooper, was a guest of Lizza Cooper, Monday afternoon.

Rosebud.

**Notice-Final Meeting of Creditors**

In the District Court of the United States for the Eastern District of Kentucky.

In the matter of Bullard Trosper, bankrupt, in bankruptcy No. 195. To the creditors of Bullard Trosper, of Corbin, in Knox County and District aforesaid, a bankrupt.

Notice is hereby given that the Trustee herein has filed his report showing that \$145.05 has come to his hands as Trustee aforesaid, and that nothing more will come to his hands belonging to the estate of the bankrupt. It is therefore now ordered that a final meeting of the creditors herein, be held in the city of Barbourville in said District at the office of the undersigned on the 8th day of April, 1912, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon of said day to consider said report and to close the case.

This 27 day of March, 1912  
W. W. TINSLEY,  
Referee in Bankruptcy.

The Knox County Bible Institute convened with the Little Fork of Richland Baptist Church.

The session was called to order by the Moderator, Elijah Hubbard, and after devotional exercises Rev. Hubbard was again elected Moderator and Samuel Elam, Clerk. The attendance of the people was large, with a strong attendance of ministers from this and Laurel Counties.

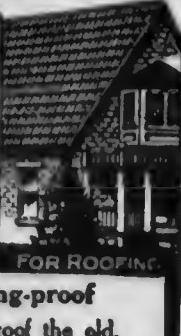
The discussion of the different topics on the program was very interesting. Many of the difficult problems confronting the churches were carefully examined and it is to be hoped great good was accomplished for the cause of religion.

The next meeting of this body will convene with the Pleasant Ridge Church on Friday before the 5th Sunday in June.

A Well Wisher.

**CORTRIGHT METAL SHINGLES****Roofs Put on  
26 Years Ago**

are as good as new, and have never needed repair—never need attention of any kind, except an occasional coat of paint.



Storm-proof Fire-proof Lightning-proof  
Don't buy that roof for the new building, or re-roof the old, until you have examined the Cortright Metal Shingles.

J. H. BLACKBURN, Agent BARBOURVILLE, KY. U.S.A.  
You will do well to consult him before purchasing your roofing.

**Charcoal at Fuel in Japan.**

Even the dust of charcoal is saved as fuel in Japan. It is carefully preserved and mixed with chaff and chopped straw. It is then moistened into a paste, rolled into balls about the size of an apple and sold in this shape to consumers.

**White Ants Live High.**

A species of white ants, called termites, is noted for its high hills or dwellings. If the houses of men were proportionately high, size for size, the humblest cottage would be a mile in height.

## THE NATIONAL BANK OF JOHN A. BLACK

Successors to the Bank of John A. Black which withstood the panic of 18'3, and all panics since.

The combined wealth of its share-holders is double that of any other bank in South-eastern Kentucky.

Has the largest deposits and is most liberal with its customers.

Never failed to pay a dividend.

Issues certificates of time deposits; pays interest thereon.

A savings department; with interest to small depositors.

Safe, conservative, progressive and liberal.

United States Depository for Postal Savings funds.

The accounts of corporations and individuals solicited.

## LOCALS

K. F. Davis was in Wafford this week for a short visit.

Herndon and Tinsley are still selling their best grade of calico at 5 cents.

Middlesboro is not the only wet town in the mountains, for the present, at least.

The newest spring models in Regal shoes for ladies and gents, at Herndon and Tinsleys.

Mrs. Orban Miles, of Corbin, was visiting relatives and friends in this city the first of the week.

See the nice line of gingham at Herndon and Tinsley's; 7½, 8½, 10, 12½ and 15 cents per yard.

Mrs. S. L. Combs, of Beattyville, was here this week on account of the death of the infant child of Mr. and Mrs. V. C. McDonald.

Have you bought your Easter skirt? If not, come in and let Herndon and Tinsley fit you up. They have a nice line just in.

Mrs. D. C. Talbott, of Indianapolis, is visiting her parents in this city this week, having arrived last Sunday afternoon.

We have just opened up our spring line of ladies and gents Regal shoes, oxfords and pumps in white, black and tan. Come in and see them.

Herndon and Tinsley

The National Bank of John A. Black has added the thinnerness and the attractiveness of their window by having the words "United States Depository" put on in gilt.

Miss Sallie Hoskins is having the work for the foundation of her new business house begun this week, on the lot next to her millinery emporium, which she recently bought from J. S. Hignite.

James Rucker, assistant cashier of the Phoenix-Third National Bank, of Lexington, visited his sister who is a student at Union College, in this city Tuesday.

Elmer Decker, a student of State University was home a few days this week, returning to Lexington in time to be able to participate in the base ball game of K. S. U. vs. Michigan University Saturday.

The moving picture show continues to be well patronized, and since the new parts of the machine arrived the management is putting on a better show than ever. A mighty nice place to spend a pleasant evening.

The Christian Church Choir, under the direction of Miss Lucy Tinsley, will render musical program Sunday evening at 7 o'clock. These musical services have long been a feature of the Christian Church in this city and are always well attended. Everyone is cordially invited.

Some class to the new street lights Mr. Smith has installed all over the city. He is undoubtedly giving the best service since the installation of the electric plant. How about a light on the town clock so that it would be possible to tell the time after night? Ever think about it?

## Professional Cards.

Powers & Smith  
ATTORNEYS & COUNSELORS AT

**LAW,**  
Barbourville, Kentucky.

J. M. ROBSION  
LAWYER.

OFFICE: Over First National Bank  
BARBOURVILLE, KY.

SOL TISTEELE  
LAWYER

Office with Powers, Sampson and  
Smith

BARBOURVILLE, KY.

A. L. PARKER  
DENTIST

OFFICE:—Up stairs in Parker  
Building, Barbourville, KY.

Platt's Office, 6.  
Residence, 11.

## JULY FIRST

This is the date set for closing our big Piano Contest. Only three months more to run and some one will be presented with a handsome \$400.00 Buell Piano. Who will be the lucky one? The contest has now been on three months and it would be just as hard to pick the winner now as it would the first week of the contest.

The hardest work will be done from now on and the best hustles will be the winner. Just now there are any numbers of candidates who may win. Those who have heretofore been content to let someone else do their hustling are getting into the contest in earnest and as a result look at the standing of the contestants. One girl secured nearly 20,000 votes last week, while others increased materially over their previous standing. How do they do it? Easy. Spring is now on and new goods are needed. Buy them at Parker's and get 100 votes with each \$1.00 purchase. Secure one subscription to the Mountain Advocate and get 1,000 votes. That's the way the girl got the 20,000 in one week.

## List of Candidates

Fannie Morris	13495
Jess Davis	13105
Laura Hays	12598
Alice Helton	12163
Mrs. Lou Webb	11692
Elva Jackson	11601
Kitty Carnes	11328
Sarah J. Fuson	11298
Florence Shelton	11282
Bertha Hall	11057
Jess Ballard	11019
Linda Lawson	110120
Iris Winchester	109879
Maggie Ferre	109897
Pauline Blackburn	109876
Mary Gilbert	109621
M. E. S. S. North	10955
Nan Logan	10510
Julia Smith	10283
Betty Golden	10287
Mattie Lawton	101647
Hilda Fisher	105638
Margaret Holton	107911
Mable Matthews	10332
Gladys Stratton	91622
Suzon Tuttle	91811
Bertha Lane	73105
Clara Lambeth	57125
Dorothy Miller	57111
Bea Sawyer	56927
Nannie V. Soward	106985
Nilla Parker	56823
Cleo Howard	105818
Frances Farmer	01169
Louise Lydon	50785
Lottie Lockhart	102784
Elsie Wilson	51780
Myrtle Mitchell	74268
M. E. S. S. South	90721
Gladys Stratton	102987
Maud Elliott	7105
Tley Miles	87001
Elvyn Black	62417
Jazel Tye	91629
Mary McDermitt	6
Cleo Jones	88109
Bonnie Croley	8472
Ethel Owens	101189
Allie Arnett	92380
Lillie Williams	51235
Evelyn McFadden	60718
Della Bishop	105291
Mary Berry	61416
Lou Faulkner	58508
Ira Faulkner	105176
Daisy Head	50178
Bulah May	58027
Mary Saylor	69485
Bonita Tys	75892
Florence B. Norman	03852
Nora Hanson	10
Daisy Robison	47622
Roberta Cole	68121
Mattie Shelton	81015
Pearl Bullock	92620
Ollie Adams	89218
Lenora Lewis	100511
Luella Woodson	68127
Mollie Gibson	101511
Minnie Lewallen	93787
Miss Morey	93005

## Set for Actor to Fit Play.

Eugene Walter, playwright, said: "It is bad art to write a play around an actor. Write the best play you can, regardless of this actor and that. The other method suggests Gimlet. Gimlets—a great bore—was a playwright. He said to a friend one day, excitedly: 'Congratulate me. I've got an order for another melodrama from Showman.' 'Did Showman supply the plot?' the friend asked. 'Walter,' said Gimlet, 'he showed me all the scenery he had.'

## ROOSEVELT FOR RECIPROCITY PACT

Three Times Indorsed Canadian  
Agreement in Public Speeches.

## SQUARE DEAL DUE TAFT.

No Choice as Between Candidates for  
Presidency on This Issue—Roosevelt  
Also Declared Payne Tariff Law Best  
Yet Passed by Congress.

Theodore Roosevelt is on record three times in public speeches in favoring the Canadian reciprocity policy of President Taft. This issue is now dead through the failure of Canada to ratify the trade agreement on the ground that the United States would derive the greatest benefit from its provisions. The fact remains, however, that the farmers of the country are not generally aware that Mr. Roosevelt so thoroughly approved of Canadian reciprocity when it was a live issue. Canadian reciprocity was voted for by Republicans and Democrats alike when it was before Congress, and as between Mr. Roosevelt and Mr. Taft in the present campaign for the Republican nomination for president there is no choice on this issue.

In connection with his public utterances on the tariff Mr. Roosevelt has also joined President Taft in saying that the Payne tariff law, while by no means perfect, is nevertheless "the best tariff law yet passed by congress" under the old system of making such laws. Of course President Taft and Mr. Roosevelt are both now committed to the tariff commission plan of revising the tariff, and Mr. Roosevelt has given President Taft credit for advocating this commission plan from the beginning.

"Uphold the Hands of Taft." Mr. Roosevelt's endorsements of Canadian reciprocity were as follows: In a speech at Grand Rapids, Mich., Feb. 11, 1911, he said: "Here, friends in Michigan, right on the northern frontier, I have the peculiar right to say a word of congratulation to you and to all of us upon the likelihood that we shall soon have closer reciprocal tariff and trade relations with the great nation to the north of us. [Applause.] And I feel so pleased primarily because I wish to see the two peoples, the Canadian and the American peoples, drawn together by the closest ties on a footing of complete equality of interest and mutual respect. [Applause.] I feel that it should be one of the cardinal policies of this republic to establish the very closest relations of good will and friendship with the Dominion of Canada." [Applause.]

In a speech before the Republican club of New York city, delivered at the Lincoln day dinner at the Waldorf hotel on Feb. 18, 1911, he said:

"I want to say how glad I am at the way in which the members of the club here tonight responded to the two appeals made to them to uphold the hands of President Taft, both in his effort to secure reciprocity with Canada and in his effort to secure the ratification of the Panama canal."

"And in addition to what has been said about reciprocity with Canada I would like to make this point: It should always be cardinal points in our foreign policy to establish the closest and most friendly relations of equal respect and advantage with our great neighbor on the north. And I hail the reciprocity arrangement because it represents an effort to bring about a closer, a more intimate, a more friendly relationship of mutual advantage on equal terms between Canada and the United States."

Gives President Credit. At Sioux City, Ia., on Sept. 2, 1910, Mr. Roosevelt said:

"I was particularly pleased with what the president (Taft) said in his letter on the subject of the tariff commission. A number of senators and congressmen have for some years advocated this as the proper method of dealing with the tariff, and I am glad that the country now seems awakened to the idea that a tariff commission offers the only solution of the problem which is both rational and insures the absence of jobbery. The president (Taft) from the beginning advocated this commission."

"There is another feature of the tariff law, and it points our course in the right direction, the maximum and minimum provision, and here again I wish to point out that the value of the provision has depended largely upon the excellent work done by the administration in the negotiations with the Dominion of Canada, which were the most difficult of all, and yet in my eyes the most important because I esteem it of vital consequence that we should always be on relations of the highest friendship and good will with our great and growing neighbor in the north."

At Sioux Falls, S. D., on the same day Mr. Roosevelt said:

"I think that the present tariff (Payne law) is better than the last (Dingley law) and considerably better than the one before the last (McKinley law), but it has certainly failed to give general satisfaction."

From these quotations from Mr. Roosevelt's speeches it is therefore apparent that there can be no choice as between President Taft and Mr. Roosevelt on those issues.

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# The Pool of Flame



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sent. But I don't think you need fear; we'll be in time. Are you ready? . . . Half a minute; I've got to use that telephone."

He ran out into the hall, rang up and shouted number into the receiver, and for a few moments spoke rapidly in a Burmese dialect. O'Rourke gathered that he was speaking with a native subordinate at the police headquarters in Rangoon.

Couch swung back into the study. "Got those revolvers, sir? Then come along; we'll have to run for it. Fortunately our launch is handy; otherwise . . ."

He sprang across the veranda and down to the lawn, O'Rourke peeling after him.

## CHAPTER XXXIV.

A night of velvet blackness, softly opaque, lay upon land and water. The police launch, shuddering with the vibrations of a motor running at high tension, sped down the silent reaches of Rangoon River like a hunted ghost. She ran without lights, these having been extinguished by Couch's directions, regardless of harbor regulations or danger. Happily the hour was late enough to relieve them of much fear of trouble with other craft; the upper reaches of the river were practically deserted.

In the bow Couch was handling the wheel with the nonchalance of one from whom the river had no secrets by night or day. To O'Rourke it seemed no light task to pilot so slight a craft at such high speed through that Stygian darkness; yet the sub-chief was accomplishing thefeat without a discernable trace of fear or tremor of uncertainty.

"O'Rourke, sit beside him. In the stern a police orderly acted as mechanic, attending to the motor. These three, no more, made up the rescue party.

Though devoured by impatience and anxiety, O'Rourke forbore to question Couch, hesitating to divert his attention from his task and knowing that as soon as he could the young lieutenant would speak. From the time when the coolie had yielded, there had not been a second's rest for either; neither had had time to confer save on questions of the most immediate moment; and control of these Couch had voluntarily and naturally assumed, deciding, acting and directing in the same thought, apparently.

"Your wife, with Miss Pynsent," said Couch abruptly, without looking round—"at least I presume it's Mrs. O'Rourke, from what you say—have been kidnapped by a gang of highlanders and are now aboard a junk in the lower river, which will sail for God-knows-where at the turn of the tide. That's the only thing that saves 'em. We'll be on 'em before they're able to force a way down the river."

O'Rourke groaned, holding his head with both hands. "My wife . . .!" he said brokenly.

"I know," Couch interrupted grimly; "I know how you feel. Miss Pynsent is there, too, you see."

"Oh," said O'Rourke, "I didn't understand that. . . . I'm sorry." He dropped a hand on the younger man's shoulder and let it rest there briefly. "Please, God," he said reverently. "There'll be many another polluted yellow soul hammering at the gates of hell this night!"

"Amen!" said Couch. . . . We sha'n't be long now."

Silently O'Rourke removed his coat and waist-coat, his collar and lawn tie, and turned back his cuffs. "Evening clothes are hardly the thing to fight in," he said; "but I'm thinking 'twon't make a deal of difference to me. Got any cartridges for a Webley mark IV?"

"Wheelie has. Give Colonel O'Rourke a few, Wheeler," said Couch, addressing the orderly.

The latter rummaged in a locker and pressed into O'Rourke's hand half a dozen cartridges, with which the adventurer proceeded to replenish the empty chamber in his revolver.

"I'd only discharged one," he observed, "but 'tis likely we'll need that, even, with only the three of us against a junk-load."

"Oh, I telephoned for reinforcements, of course," returned Couch. "They ought to be there ahead of us."

"What did the coolie tell ye, if ya've time to talk?"

Couch laughed. "I daresay you're wondering how I made him speak at all."

"That's the true word for ye."

"I threatened to cut off his silly pigtail and send him naked and dishonored to the ghostly halls of his ancestors. It's wonderful how much those callous brutes doze on that decoration. I told him further, that if he lied, when I found it out I'd return

the rail, drew the launch in, let go the boathook and, with the headwarp wrapped about his hand, jumped blind.

"He confessed he was in the pay—like these chaps we're after now—of a highly respectable Chinese merchant and head of one of the tongs—one of the richest men in Rangoon, who, it seems, was also after that ruby. I can't imagine what he wanted of it, but that'll come out, probably; the man's rich enough to buy dozens of stones as fine. However . . . I gather he'd laid his plan far ahead. The coolies intimated you'd been watching all the way from Bombay. At all events, the brutes were ready when you arrived; Sypher was a doomed man from the moment you handed over the Pool of Flame. They surrounded his house this night, coming up from the river, just as soon as it was dark enough to conceal their actions. Then they found a third element in the business—your friend Des Treves, all unsuspecting of them, lurking on the veranda and watching Sypher through the window. So they waited to see what he was up to. And pretty soon they found out. Sypher came downstairs, went to the safe and opened it; I presume he had the stone in his hand, ready to put away. While he was standing there the Frenchman slipped up behind and stabbed him, annexing the stone and leaving the way he got in. The instant he stepped off the veranda the Chinese got him; but he managed to scream before they could silence him and drew the attention of the household. Miss Pynsent, your wife and the servants. So to cover things up they had to gather them all in. The servants were killed—there were three of them—and the women . . ."

Neither man spoke for a time. Then Couch resumed.

"This coolie was an outsider—a servant of the merchant's—not one of the junk gang; so he stayed ashore, and thought it would be a fine young scheme to return and do little footling on his own . . . I've telephoned the head office to arrest that cursed merchant and confiscate his house and goods and detail anybody they could catch connected with him. The net's well enough laid, and I think . . ."

The lights of the city became visible, strung along the right bank of the river as the launch rounded a bend. Couch swung the little boat out into midstream. "Hail-speed, Wheeler," he said, adding to O'Rourke: "I've got to pick out that junk. I presume the right one will have all sail set and be moving downstream with the tide; it's just on the turn now and fortunately there's no wind worth mentioning. . . . I wish I could see something of the other launch."

He peered anxiously into the obscurity ahead. "If there were only star-light!" he complained bitterly. "Stand by, Wheeler, to stop the motor. We'll drop alongside with the current, as quietly as we can. Colonel O'Rourke, will you get forward and take the boathook and headwarp, please; I'm needed at the wheel and Wheeler at the engine until we make fast."

Cautiously the Irishman rose, took the boathook Couch offered him, and crept out upon the narrow triangle of deck at the bows. Crouching there, he found the headwarp and waited, tense with anxious expectancy, staring ahead in futile effort to penetrate



The Boarding Party Stood at Bay.

the wide, shadowy reaches of the river. But the mystic distances confused and eluded him. The launch seemed to move, panting, in an abyss of night. She made little noise: a hiss of water beneath her stem; the steady hum of the motor, throttled down to half speed; the muffled gasping of the exhaust. And presently even these ceased at a word from Couch, and the launch moved only with the tide.

Abruptly a towering wall of opaque black rose out of the darkness to starboard. O'Rourke braced himself for the imminent instant of action, poised so lightly upon his toes and fingertips that a swell from a moving vessel would have thrown him off his balance, perhaps overboard. The launch closed swiftly and silently upon the black wall; it towered over him like a cliff; far above he could see dim divisions between black and black that must be the raft. And he shook his head, dismayed: he could never scale that, he thought; not even the O'Rourke could accomplish a miracle. But in a breath it had faded back, and he realized that the towering poop of the junk had misled him. They were now alongside at the waist. He stood up and saw a low railing moving and caught it over the edge of

the rail, drew the launch in, let go the boathook and, with the headwarp wrapped about his hand, jumped blind.

Something dealt him a vicious, all but paralyzing, blow in the pit of the stomach; he doubled up, for a moment helpless, across the junk's rail, but retained sufficient presence of mind to hold on to the headwarp. Then, recovering a trifio, he squirmed over and fell sprawling upon the deck, his heels drumming an abrupt and violent nimr. From somewhere he heard a shrill jabbering arise, with an ensuing patter of bare feet. Swiftly he got upon his knees and drew in the headwarp, with his free hand searching along the rail for a cleat. Something thumped heavily on the deck beside him, and grunted; and something else followed with a second bump; and the launch swung outward and, caught by the current, jerked the headwarp from his grasp. "May the luck of the O'Rourke still hold!" he prayed fervently, getting upon his feet to realize that, with Couch and the man Wheeler, he was imprisoned aboard the junk, doomed thore to remain whatever might befall, until the coming of the second launch . . . or perhaps for a longer time.

As he rose some indistinct body ran into him and cannoned off with an uncouth yell; with no time to draw his revolver, the adventurer struck out with a bare hand and had the satisfaction of finding a goal for his blow—of landing heavily on bare flesh and hearing the dull sound of a fall upon the deck.

Synchronously lights were flashing out for and aft. A revolver spnt venomously beside him. Somewhere a man screamed and fell, whimpering horribly. The revolver exploded a second time. There were confused noises, as of a furious struggle, rough and tumble, and he suspected that one or another of his companions had been tackled bodily by one of the junk's crew. On his own part he caught a glimpse of a shadow moving ghostlike against one of the lights, and promptly exorcised it with a shot.

By this time the vessel seemed to be caught in the grip of pandemonium; shouts and shots died with screams, groans, confused padding footsteps, to make the moment one of a nightmare. The boarding party stood at bay, not daring to venture from the spot on which they had landed, firing steadily but with discretion.

Huddled together like children in fear of the powers of darkness, the three held their fire against the inevitable assault in force, handicapped fearfully by their absolute ignorance of the lay of the deck, of the number of their opponents, and of from which quarter they had to expect the attack. And the silence and the suspense wore upon their nerves until the final struggle came in the shape of a boom to save them from madness. And it came with a rush and a will, cyclonic, tremendous, overpowering. By sheer weight of human flesh the Europeans were driven against the rail, fighting at handgraps with a cruel and cunning foe far better prepared for such boldness than they. For at such close quarters pistols were practically worthless save as clubs, while knives could slip to slay through almost any interstice, however straitened. O'Rourke had no time to think of his companions. Stung to desperation by the silent, unrelenting fury of his assailants—twice he was conscious of the white-hot agony of a knife-thrust, one penetrating the flesh of his side and scraping his ribs, the other biting deep into his thigh—he fired until he had but one cartridge left in his revolver, and expended that blowing out the brains of an extraordinarily persistent coolie, then dropped the useless weapon and trusted to his naked strength.

It served him well for a little. One man, precipitated by the weight of those behind him into the adventurer's arms, was seized by the throat and throttled in a twinkling; then lifting him from the deck, he exerted his power to the utmost, and cast the body like a log into the midst of the melee. Thus clearing a little space, he found himself able to step aside and let another run past him into the bulkhead; and seeing the sheen of a sword-blade in the fellow's hand, before he could recover seized his wrist, twisted it savagely, and wrenched the weapon away.

The finale came a moment later, signalized by a blinding flash of light more bright than that of day, which fell athwart the deck and illuminated instantaneously every inch of the fighting ground. Ferently he blessed the near-by vessel that bad turned its searchlight on the junk. The scene it revealed beggared the experience of a man whose trade was fighting; it fell upon decks slippery with blood and littered with the bodies of dead and wounded; it silenced a confusion indescribable. Upon that insane turmoil the light fell with the effect of a thunderbolt from a clear sky.

Screaming shrilly in their panic, the Chinese scattered and fell away, leaving O'Rourke beside Couch, Wheeler being down and buried beneath three Chinese corpses. And instantaneously something grated harshly against the starboard side of the junk, and a man, his figure stark black against the cold white glare, leaped upon the rail and tumbled aboard. Others to the number of a dozen followed him, swarming over the decks. Couch reeled toward them, babbling orders and instructions.

The second launch had arrived.

Sick and faint, O'Rourke slouched back against the rail, watching with lack-luster eyes the end of the chapter. It was simple to the point of seeming farcical in comparison with that which preceded it. The dazed and

now outnumbered Chinese offered no further resistance. Disarmed and put under guard, they disappeared from his consciousness, while he watched the men from the second launch, spurred by Couch, scatter in search of the abducted women.

Loss of blood was beginning to tell upon him; his strength seemed alto-



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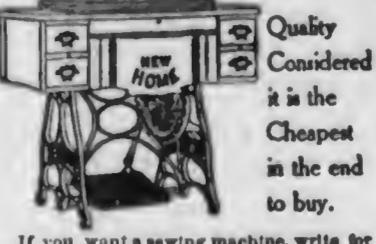
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